South Carolina Department of Social Services ABC Child Care Voucher System

NON-REGULATED PROVIDER HEALTH AND SAFETY COMPLIANCE GRANT REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

INTRODUCTION

As the administering agency for the ABC Child Care Voucher Program, the Department of Social Services (DSS) accepts requests for grant funds for the purpose of meeting health and safety requirements established in its child care standards.

PURPOSE

ABC child care standards obligate clients which receive assistance and select non-regulated care arrangements for their children, to ensure that the following conditions are present in homes that care for children:

- 1. That a minimum of one fire extinguisher exists in the home and is placed in the cooking area (type required one 5 lb. 2-A:10-B:C)
- 2. That a minimum of two operating smoke detectors are properly placed within the home, with specific consideration given to areas occupied by the children.

Child care providers that do not meet this minimum standard, as verified by the client, may request and receive a grant to satisfy the health and safety requirements. The grant funds are reimbursement for the already purchased equipment.

PAYMENT

DSS, upon approval and certification of compliance, will issue grant funds to the provider in an amount not to exceed the actual cost of the required equipment up to a maximum grant amount of \$45.00. Providers requesting the grant must submit receipts of the purchased equipment at the time of the request.

CONDITIONS

GRANT TERMS & This grant request is subject to and governed by the terms and conditions set forth herein. The child care provider, by signature on this request, agrees and accepts responsibility for compliance to these terms and conditions:

- 1. Grants are limited to one per provider, and **only** after selected by an eligible client.
- 2. The grant award must be used for the purpose defined herein. Use of grant funds for any other purpose is strictly prohibited. All penalties available under State or Federal law shall apply.
- 3. The provider must retain the receipt on file for a minimum of three years.
- 4. The child care provider is responsible for all costs in excess of \$45.00 to accomplish and/or complete the grant purpose.
- 5. The child care provider must comply with health and safety requirements identified herein prior to requesting payment.

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As the child care provider signing this grant request, I certify that I have read and fully understand the requirements of the request, and if approved, shall comply with said requirements prior to requesting the grant funds.

Date